(c) Yes, Sir. The reasons for decline in the exports of tobacco are the worldwide slowing down of demand.

Nationalisation of Private Banks

3847. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to nationalise the existing private banks ; and

(b) what are the details of deposits in these private banks at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there are 29 Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks in the Private Sector. Their total deposits (other than from banks) as on 25th December, 1987, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India, aggregated to Rs. 5,382.73 crores.

Minor Irrigation schemes from Gujarat pending clearance

3848. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 minor irrigation schemes in Adivasi areas in Gujarat are pending for clearance ;

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing the above irrigation schemes; and

(c) by when Government will clear the above schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir. Only 40 proposals relating to minor irrigation schemes in Gujarat State are awaiting final decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) In 39 cases, final decision could not be taken for want of complete information. One proposal is in the final stage of processing.

(c) Decision can be taken on the 39 proposals only on receipt of complete information from the State Government. Decision on the remaining one proposal will be taken soon.

Tackling of Industrial Sickness by Banks

3849. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently asked the commercial banks to set up zonal and Regional level forums for continued interaction between the State Governments and financial institutions to tackle the problems of industrial sickness ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the banks in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no directions have been issued by it to commercial banks to set up Zonal and Regional level forums for continued interaction between the State Government and Financial Institutions to tackle the problem of industrial sickness. However, RBI has advised banks to set up nodal points at a level below Head Office/ Circle Office to attend to various problems relating to sick/weak units including units coming under the purview of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and cases of incipient sickness. This cell would also attend to coordination matters between the banks and financial institutions. State Government representatives are also invited to participate in joint meetings which are convened to evolve rehabilitation packages involving reliefs/ concessions from the State Government.